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EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION DECLARATION ON THE SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR

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The Community and its member States reviewed the situation in East Timor in the light of the latest reporting available as well as the decisions of the Government of Indonesia to set up a commission to investigate the violent incidents of Dili that cost the life of many innocent and defenceless citizens.

They reiterate their condemnation of these unjustifiable actions by the armed forces of Indonesia.

The Community and its member States stressed once again the paramount importance they attached to the full respect of human rights as expressed in particular in the declaration of the European Council of Luxembourg on 25/26 June 1991.

They also stress in this respect the importance of the resolution and of the regulation adopted by the Development Council on human rights, democracy and development of 28 November 1991.

They call upon the Indonesian authorities to respond to the serious concerns expressed by the international community. They support the demands for a thorough and credible investigation by impartial and independent experts.

The Community and its member States will review the cooperation between the European Community and Indonesia in the light of the above mentioned orientations and regulation, and taking into account the response of the Indonesian authorities.

The Community and its member States stress their support for a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable settlement of the East Timor issue, respecting the principles of the United Nations' Charter, and taking into account the need to defend human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the full respect of the legitimate interests and aspirations of the population of this territory.